

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 5, 9 and 17-18 have been amended. Claims 1-2, 5 and 9-18 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 9-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,856,820 B1 (Kolls), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,230,098 ("Ando").

Amended independent claim 1 recites, in relevant part, the following:

the service providing system comprising ...

transmission means ... to provide access to a specified service, via the communication network, from the service server to a specified electronic appliance and transmitting service information ... to the specified electronic appliance ...

in which said service information indicates an update for map information is available for the specified electronic appliance, and

wherein the transmission means transmits to the specified electronic appliance update data of only an indicated update data file for the map information from among a plurality of update data files for the map information, the update data only including one or more differences between updated map information and a previous version of the map information, responsive to a request for only the indicated update data file for the map information transmitted over the communication network by the specified electronic appliance

(Emphasis added). The features added to claim 1 are believed to be described in the present application, for example, at pg. 51, ln. 7-13. Amended independent claims 2, 5, 9 and 17-18 include similar recitations. Accordingly, in the claimed invention, "update data of only an indicated update data file for the map information from among a plurality of update data files" for the map information may be transmitted, where the update data only includes a difference(s) between updated map information and a previous version of the map information, and where such

transmission is "responsive to a request for only the indicated update data file" transmitted by the appliance.

The applied portions of Kolls and Ando do not appear disclose transmitting update data of "only an indicated update data file" for the map information from among a plurality of update data files for the map information," the transmitting being "responsive to a request for only the indicated update data file ...," as now required by the claimed invention. (Emphasis added).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the independent claims are patentable over the combination of Kolls and Ando as applied by the Examiner, for at least the above reason.

In addition, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, dependent claims 10-16 are patentable over the applied combination of Kolls and Ando for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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